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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning at page 1 line 4 has been changed as follows:

A1 The invention relates to parts to be connected by means of a screw connection, in particular parts of a medical treatment or working instrument.

Please delete the entire paragraph beginning at page 4 line 7.